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MINNESOTA'S JULY OUTPUT DOWN 1 PERCENT

July 2004 milk production totaled 684 million pounds in Minnesota, down 1 percent from the 691 million pounds produced in July 2003, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. June milk output at 681 million pounds was not revised.

Minnesota production per cow averaged 1,470 pounds in July 2004, up 15 pounds from last July. The June rate at 1,480 pounds per cow was not revised. The average number of milk cows on farms in Minnesota during July 2004 was 465,000 head, up 5,000 from June, but 10,000 below a year ago.

Accumulated Minnesota milk production for the first 7 months of 2004 was 4.83 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the same period a year ago.

JULY MILK PRODUCTION UP 1 PERCENT IN MAJOR STATES

Milk production during July 2004 totaled 12.51 billion pounds, up 1 percent from July 2003 in the 20 major states. Revised June production for the 20 states was 12.41 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 states averaged 1,613 pounds during July 2004, up 16 pounds from July 2003. Revised June output per cow was 1,603 pounds. The number of milk cows in the 20 major states during July averaged 7.75 million head, down 27,000 from a year ago.

Accumulated milk production in the 20 major states for the first 7 months of 2004 was 87.59 billion pounds, down less than half of 1 percent from the same period a year ago.

MILK PRODUCTION, MAJOR STATES

| State | MILK COWS | | | RATE PER COW | | | MILK PRODUCTION | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|----------------|------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| | July 2003 | June 2004 Rev. | July 2004 | July 2003 | June 2004 Rev. | July 2004 | July 2003 | June 2004 Rev. | July 2004 | 2004 as % of 2003 |
| | <u>Thousand Head</u> | | | <u>Pounds</u> | | | <u>Million Pounds</u> | | | <u>Percent</u> |
| CA | 1,690 | 1,724 | 1,728 | 1,755 | 1,755 | 1,780 | 2,966 | 3,026 | 3,076 | 104 |
| ID | 408 | 422 | 422 | 1,880 | 1,800 | 1,840 | 767 | 760 | 776 | 101 |
| MN | 475 | 460 | 465 | 1,455 | 1,480 | 1,470 | 691 | 681 | 684 | 99 |
| NY | 673 | 656 | 656 | 1,515 | 1,490 | 1,495 | 1,020 | 977 | 981 | 96 |
| PA | 574 | 557 | 559 | 1,500 | 1,495 | 1,510 | 861 | 833 | 844 | 98 |
| WI | 1,255 | 1,243 | 1,240 | 1,515 | 1,490 | 1,505 | 1,901 | 1,852 | 1,866 | 98 |
| 20 States | 7,780 | 7,742 | 7,753 | 1,597 | 1,603 | 1,613 | 12,421 | 12,410 | 12,505 | 101 |